

My fascination with guppies - © Ray Croad

The fascination of Guppies is hard to explain. Take it from me that a few minutes, let alone the hours I have spent, will draw you into their fascinating life.

Darting this way and that one thinks at first quite aimlessly but if you really concentrate you can see a pattern.

At first I was concerned as it looked like the males were attacking the females and sometimes two or more males against one solitary female.

Then it dawned on me. Nature was having a laugh and had turned the Guppy world upside down.

The females ruled the roost in their world and it was not that the males were attacking the females but that the females were teasing the males.

Come and catch me, if you can, they were saying to the males with their bulbous bodies probably emitting pheromones to entice as many males as they could.

When you get over this surprising state of affairs you get back to watching their general movements. It is then that you realise they are swimming all over the place looking for whatever it is they look for.

I prefer to think that they are looking for something to peck on, if that's the right word to use. It's as if apart from being teased by females or chased by males the Guppy has to constantly eat to provide the energy for them to swim around looking for food to supply them with energy for them to: - well I think you get the gist.

It's this constant movement that gives them the opportunity to show off their wonderful variety of colour and tail shapes.

I cannot imagine ever getting tired of watching Guppies.

Go on give it a try.

You may even agree with me.

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